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SRI C. R. RAMASWAMI : Is it a fact that the rate of interest charged by the Corporation is as high as 7 per cent which makes applicants withdraw their applications for loans?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have no figures as to the rates of interest charged by the Corporation but from the number of applications which are pending with the Corporation, I do not think my hon. friend is right.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : The Hon. Minister stated that the Investment Corporation is making profits. May I know to what extent they have made profits?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I will just give the figures. I have a recollection that it is round about Rs. 7 lakhs. (The Hon. Minister was looking through the papers.)

MR. SPEAKER : We will come to that question again at the end. We will now take up the next question.

State's investment in certain Kerala industries

* 506 *Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this State have invested in the (i) Indian Rare Earths (Private), Limited, Kerala; and (ii) Ilmenite Factory, Chawara, Kerala ; and

(*b*) if so, the amount invested and the rate of profit this Government got from these concerns?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

District Statistical Office

* 507 *Q*.—MR. SPEAKER : அடுத்த கேள்வி, 507. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஸ்ரீசங்கரன் சபையில் இல்லாததால் இந்தக் கேள்வியும் அதற்கான பதிலும் சபையின் விவாத வெளியீட்டில் அச்சிடப்படும்.

SRI V. SANKARAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to establish District Statistical Office at the districts of Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Nilgiris; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The question of setting up District Statistical Offices in the districts in question under the Integrated Scheme for Development of Statistics. is under consideration.

Auditing of Co-operative Societies

* 508 *Q* — SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) 1957-ம் ஆண்டில் எத்தனை கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்கள் கணக்கு தணிக்கை செய்யப்பட்டன ?

(ஆ) எத்தனை சங்கங்களின் கணக்குகள் தணிக்கை செய்யப்படவில்லை?

(இ) இப்போதாகிலும் தணிக்கை செய்யப்பட்டுவிட்டனவா ?